

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
Application No. 10/541,898
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Withdrawn) A reinforcing fiber sheet characterized by having a cloth core (4) comprising a cloth layer (13) constructed of vertically and horizontally woven vertical strips (11) and horizontal strips (12) which are assemblages of numerous reinforcing fibers, and a binding and reinforcing layer (14) impregnated into the cloth layer (13) so as to allow the cloth layer (13) to deform at ordinary room temperature with the vertical strips (11) and horizontal strips (12) remaining in a mutually bonded state.

2. (Withdrawn) The reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 1 wherein a synthetic resin high-stretch sheet material (6) which is transparent and has a good stretch is applied to the binding and reinforcing layer (14) of the cloth core (4).

3. (Withdrawn) The reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 2, wherein the high-stretch sheet material (6) comprises a synthetic resin base sheet (15) and a binding and reinforcing layer (16) which is formed on a back side of the base sheet (15) by impregnating the base sheet (15) with an ink (30) that exhibits good flexibility after drying.

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4. (Withdrawn) A dress-up sheet characterized in that an adhesive layer (7) is provided on a back side of the reinforcing fiber sheet (1) according to claim 2 or 3, and a release sheet (8) is applied to a back side of the adhesive layer (7).

5. (Withdrawn) A dress-up sheet characterized in that a cushioning layer (9) is provided on a back side of the reinforcing fiber sheet (1) according to claim 2 or 3.

6. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet comprising the following steps (a) to (c):

(a) a first step in which a screen (18) ~~having a mesh size which is coarser than a standard mesh size~~ is set on top of a cloth layer [(13)] constructed of vertically and horizontally woven vertical strips [(11)] and horizontal strips [(12)] which are assemblages of numerous reinforcing fibers;

(b) a second step in which an ink [(20)] that exhibits good required flexibility after drying is supplied onto the screen [(18)] and screen printing is carried out, thereby impregnating the cloth layer [(13)] with the ink [(20)]; and

(c) a third step in which the cloth layer [(13)] impregnated with the ink [(20)] is dried, forming a cloth core [(4)],

wherein said screen has a mesh size coarser than a standard mesh size specified for ordinary screen printing of said ink.

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7. (Currently amended) The method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 6, further comprising the following step (d):

(d) a fourth step in which a synthetic resin ~~high-stretch~~ sheet material [[(6)]] which is transparent ~~and has a good stretch~~ is applied to the binding and reinforcing layer (14) of the cloth core [[(4)]].

8. (Currently amended) The method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 7, wherein the high-stretch sheet material [[(6)]] in the fourth step is obtained by screen-printing using a screen [[(28)]] that is coarser than the standard mesh size and thereby coating an ink [[(30)]] that exhibits good flexibility after drying onto a back side of a synthetic resin base sheet [[(15)]] for the ink, then drying the ink.

9. (Currently amended) The method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet according to any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein the screen [[(18)]] used for screen printing in the second step is set to a mesh size having a coarseness which is not more than 1/3 and not less than 1/4 of the standard mesh size specified for ordinary screen printing of said ink.

10. (Currently amended) The method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet according to any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein coating of the ink [[(20)]] onto the cloth layer [[(13)]] and drying are carried out two or more times.